posal in this regard for consideration of Government, which is still awaited.

(d) to (f) The proposal is still in a preliminary stage and no decision has been taken by the Government of India in the matter till yet.

Sugar Mills in Kurukshetra and Yamuna Nagar

1586. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that licences for sugar mills in Kurukshetra and Yamuna Nagar districts were granted overruling the recommendations of the highpowered inter-ministerial Screening Committee;

(b) if so, what were the proposals for Kurukshetra and Yamuna Nagar regions and the proposals recommended by the highpowered inter ministrial Screening Committee;

(c) the applicants who were given licences ignoring the recommendations of the Screening Committee; and

(d) the relevant details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b) Proposals for setting up of new sugar mills in Haryana, including those received from Kurukshetra and Yamunanagar districts, were considered by the Screening Committee on 22.6.1993. The Committee, after consideration, recommended grant of a letter of intent in district Yamunanagar. The Committee, however, did not recommend grant of any letter of intent in district Kurukshetra.

A statement giving the details of proposals received from the districts of Kurukshetra and Yamunanagar and the recommendations made by the Screening Committee is enclosed (*see* below).

(c) and (d) The Chairman and Managing Director of M/s Saraswati Industrial Syndicate Ltd. through a representation dated 10.7.93 requested for change of location from village Pipli to village Kamoda in Kurukshetra district. The matter was reviewed and it was decided by the Ministry of Food to recommend the grant of letter of intent/licence for the establishment of a new sugar factory at the changed location of Kamoda. The Licensing Committee in the Ministry of Industry considered the matter and agreed with the recommendation of the Ministry of Food.

The following letters of intent have been issued in districts of Kurukshetra and Yamunanagar by the Ministry of Industry.

Sl. No.	Name of applicant	Location
1.	M/s. ISGEC Covema Plastics Ltd.	At Kamoda Teh. Thanesar, Distt. Kurukshetra.
2.	M/s. Horizon Agro Chem. Ltd. C/o Yamuna Gases & Chemicals Ltd.	At Kot, Teh. Chachrauli, Distt. Yamunanagar.

Statement

Proposals received from the Districts of Kurukshetra and Yamunanagar and the recommendatio made by Screening Committee

Sl. No.	Name of Applicant	Location	Recommendations made by the Screening Committee
Distt. Yamunanagar			
1.	Shri T.P. Bansal . . .	Kotra Khas	The Screening Committee recommended rejection of this application.
2.	M/s Horizon Agro Chem. Ltd. .	Kot, Tehsil Chachrauli	The Screening Committee recommended grant of letter of intent.
Distt. Kurukshetra			
1.	ISGEC Covema Plastics Ltd. .	Pipli	The Screening Committee recommended rejection of this application.
2.	Shri U.S. Bhartiya . . .	Jajharpur	Do.
3.	Shri R.K. Gupta . . .	Do.	Do.
4.	Shri G.R. Goenka . . .	Balsua	Do.
5.	M/s The Haryana State Fedn. of Coop. Sugar Mills Ltd.	Murtzapur	Application was withdrawn by the State Govt. during the Screening Committee meeting.

Rural godowns in Orissa

1587. **SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK:** Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Rural godowns are very inadequate in a backward state like Orissa;

(b) if so, the steps taken to set up additional number of Rural godowons in Orissa and other backward states;

(c) the steps so far taken in that regard in the Eighth Five Year Plan period;

(d) the number of rural godown proposed to be set up in that plan period; and

(e) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) to (e) The storage facilities at taluka/block/village level are provided by cooperatives under the purview of the Ministry of Agriculture and the State Governments. Under this scheme National Cooperative Development Corporation (NCDC) provides assistance for constrution of ruarl godowns by primary agricultural cooperatives working at village level and marketing cooperatives functioning at Mandi, district, regional, state and national levels in the country. The storage capacity sanctioned/completed as on 31.3.1993 is as under:—

	godowns to be constructed		godowns constructed	
	Number	Capacity	Number	Capacity
		(in lakh tonnes)		(in lakh tonnes)
All India	63946	136.05	61519	130.14
Orissa	2587	4.91	2503	4.41